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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: HONG KONG CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS

1. IN APRIL 4 CONVERSATION WITH CONGENOFF, HONG KONG'S NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, PAUL K.C. WONG, EXPRESSED THE HKG'S GROWING CONCERN ABOUT GARMENT SHIPMENTS BEING DETAINED BY US CUSTOMS BECAUSE OF CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS. WONG SAID THAT AS SOON AS HKG HAD CALCULATED THE VALUE OF IMPOUNDED SHIPMENTS (PROBABLY BY APRIL 15), HKG WOULD INSTRUCT ITS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE (CROWSON) TO REGISTER ITS CONCERN TO THE US AUTHORITIES. WONG ALSO SAID THAT HKG OFFICER JUSTIN YUE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CUSTOMS DELAYS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24.

2. WONG RECALLED THAT EARLIER (1973) VISA ARRANGEMENT WAS DISCARDED BECAUSE IT CAUSED TRADE DISRUPTIONS ANALOGOUS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PRESENT PROBLEMS, AND HE INDICATED THAT HKG MIGHT CONSIDER ASKING USG TO RESCIND NEW VISA ARRANGEMENT. CONGENOFF REPIED THAT USG WAS UNLIKELY TO ABANDON THE NEW VISA SYSTEM, WHICH FORMED AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR TEXTILE IMPORT MONITORING PROGRAM, AND THAT USG NEGOTIATORS VIEWED CURRENT DISRUPTIONS AS MINOR "TEETHING PAINS" IN IMPLEMENTING NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH TEXTILE SUPPLYING COUNTRIES.

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